slightly different perspective below. On June 6, 1885, Clark examined an epileptic patient named McKay and found him "covered with bruises" (353). Convinced "they were not made by his falling or throwing himself against furniture" he understandably suspected an attendant. The Day Attendants deny any knowledge of how McKay was hurt, but Clark suspects McIlroy. In an examination on June 11, 1885, McKay reveals to Clark that "the night watch McIlroy came into his room at night + kicked + beat him with a stick. The wounds showed this + were in such parts of the body as could not be inflicted by his falling on his bed or on the floor. The wounds made by the stick were quite characteristic." Partly because McKay tells the same story to Supervisor Scully and Dr. Robinson, Clark believes him. When confronted McIlroy more or less confessed and begged Clark not to proceed against him. Clark discharged him, "convinced he was guilty of this brutal assault" (357). This was not the last of McIlroy.

On November 6, 1886, Daniel Clark records in his Asylum Diary his having been informed that night by her father "that Alice Bedson, a patient who had recovered & had been discharged on August 31st last, was delivered of a son" (435). For Clark this is "shocking news" (435). The next day, accompanied by the Matron, Nurse Bastedo, he visits her at her father's home at 13 Denison Avenue.

Clark's entry for November 7, 1886 indicates that neither of them was allowed to see Alice on this occasion, though they saw her child. Clark asserts that none of the staff at the Asylum had known anything of Alice's "condition" at the time of her discharge in August. Her own mother appears to have been unaware of it until nearly the moment of birth. Alice herself refused to tell anyone who the father was. Clark urged the parents to let Miss Bastedo alone interview Alice, in order to discover the father and arrest "the villain" (437), as he describes him. He believes the father is "one of our employees" (437).

On November 8 Clark records that he has "sent the government today a full report" about had happened to Alice Bedson. He awaits their decision. The next day he records having sent Miss Bastedo again to the Bedson home, with a five dollar gift out of his own purse, to "relieve their wants" (439). Giving this family in "destitute circumstances" some of his own money seems to have been his way of making amends for what he believed a member of his staff had done to them.